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REMARKS

Claims 11 – 18 have been canceled. Claims 19 – 44 have been added. Hence claims 1 – 10 and 19 – 44 are pending in the Application.

Claims 1 – 18 are rejected under obviousness-type double patenting. Claims 11 – 18 have been canceled, rendering this rejection moot as to them. The terminal disclaimer filed with this response obviates the obviousness-type double patenting rejection with respect to claims 1 – 10. Removal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The Office Action states that claims 1 – 18 would be allowable if a terminal disclaimer were filed. A terminal disclaimer has been filed. Allowance of claims 1 – 10 is respectfully requested.

Claims 16 – 18 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,778,642, herein "Schmidt". Claims 16 – 18 have been canceled, rendering the rejection moot. Removal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

New claims 19 – 28 depend on claims 1 – 10, respectfully. Claims 1 – 10 are allowable. Allowance of claims 19 – 28 is respectfully requested.

New claim 29 contains numerous features not disclosed or suggested by the cited art. For example, Schmidt fails to disclose or suggest in anyway "generating a first identifier that is unique relative to other identifiers assigned to the messages by the first client [of a first mailbox] and a second client of the second mailbox." Allowance of claim 29 is respectfully requested.

The pending claims not discussed so far are dependant claims that depend on an independent claim that is discussed above. Because each of the dependant claims include the limitations of claims upon which they depend, the dependant claims are patentable for at least those reasons the claims upon which the dependant claims depend are patentable.

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Removal of the rejections with respect to the dependant claims and allowance of the dependant claims is respectfully requested. In addition, the dependent claims introduce additional limitations that independently render them patentable. Due to the fundamental difference already identified, a separate discussion of those limitations is not included at this time.

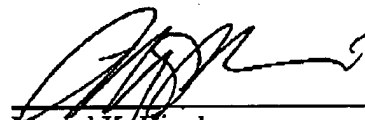
For the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are patentable over the art of record, including the art cited but not applied. Accordingly, allowance of all claims is hereby respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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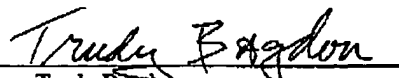
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